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The reply filed on May 30, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant neglected to elect between inventions under 35 USC 121 in applicant's May 30, 2006. This requirement was set forth beginning at the second full paragraph on page 3 of the previous office action. To summarize the current prosecution, applicant did fully respond to the election of species requirement set forth page 2 of the previous office action (electing the illustrated first species of Figures 1-4, without traverse, and identifying claims 1-8 and 11-19 as readable on the elected species), but did not respond to the requirement to elect between inventions as set forth beginning at the second full paragraph on page 3 of the previous office action. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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